

South Pasadena, California
October 16, 1956

Dear Mr. Relander:

You are a very busy man, I know, but may I take just a few minutes of your time to tell you how very interesting I found your book - Drummers and Dreamers. It is a veritable storehouse of historic data. And I very much appreciate having received an autographed copy. Thank you!

The book is of special interest to me because of my familiarity with locations, and because I have met some of the characters.

In the spring of 1878, at the time of the first run of salmon, Chief Big Thunder and his followers camped on the Middle Fork of the Touchet, about nine miles from Dayton. The women dug couse, which grew on the hillsides and was one of the food staples for Indians at that time. The men fished.

Our family had crossed the plains the summer before and we were living in a small rented house, about a mile from the Indian camp, until my father could find a location for a home. Big Thunder loved to sit beside the fireplace and talk to my mother, or to sit out in the yard and make bows and arrows for my little brothers. A sad, disallusioned man.

Several years later I saw Father Wilbur at a Methodist Church Conference in Lewiston, Idaho. I do not understand why you speak of him as a giant. He was a tall, slender man, loved and respected by all who knew him.

Both Father Wilbur and Smowhala were good men. I believe I might say great men, who could have been a power for good if they could have met on common ground and have worked together. So why speak of one as of a culprit and of the other as of a saint.

The Indians suffered a great wrong. And, in a measure, to right that wrong such men as Marcus Whitman and Father Wilbur tried, by education and religious teaching to prepare them for their enforced association with their white aggressors.

Again, I want to tell you how very much I enjoyed your book. And I shall be glad to hear of any future books you may produce. And please forgive me for a wee bit of friendly criticism.

Yours very sincerely

Ella S. Tuttle

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to Tuttle

South Pasadena, California
May 22, 1963

Confederated Tribes and Bands
Yakima Indian Nation.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my check for \$4.25, covering
cost of the two books:

STRANGERS IN THE LAND, by Glick Relander...	\$2.25
"1855-1955 the Yakima.".....	2.00
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Very truly yours

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